

WSFA Fall Congress Legislative Packet 2010

Included in this packet are the selections of the WSFA Congress committee designated for use during the fall sessions of congress held between October and December 2010. The legislation is placed in alphabetical order by authoring school. Following the legislation for preliminary sessions is legislation designated for Super Congress. This Super Congress legislation may ONLY be used for Super Congress or at tournaments where there is no super congress session.

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A Resolution to Outlaw the Cloning of Human for the Purpose of Harvesting Organs

1. Whereas, several animals including sheep, goats, cows, mice, pigs, cats and rabbits
2. have been successfully cloned; and
3. Whereas, it is only a matter of time until human clones are successful; and
4. Whereas, researchers have reported wanting to use clones for transplants in the future; 5. and
6. Whereas, scientific research should not be abused; therefore,
7. Be it RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that cloning of humans for the
8. purpose of harvesting organs be outlawed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonney Lake High School

Bill to Limit Prison Space

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Section 1: The United States Government save prison space for criminals who commit
3. violent crimes and pose a threat to the well-being of the public.

4 Section 2:

5 A: Upon passage of this bill, convicted criminals who have been found guilty of
5 committing non-violent crimes will be issued alternative sentences.

6 B: The difference between what constitutes violent and non-violent crimes will be
7 decided in courts by a judge or jury.

8 Section 3: Alternative sentences may consist of mandatory service to the community as
9. well as fines and restrictions on travel.

10 Section 4: Funding for this program will not be necessary as money will be saved
11. because less money will be wasted on hosting non-violent convicts in prisons.

12 Section 5: This bill will go into effect 1 year after passage, at which point all laws not in
13 accordance with this bill will be considered null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Central Kitsap High School

A Bill Banning Alcohol Advertisement On Television Between 8 AM and 9 PM

1. Section 1: Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that advertisement
2. promoting consumption of an alcoholic product be banned from television for all hours
3. between 8 AM and 9 PM.
4. Section 2: Alcoholic products will be defined as any product with an alcohol content of
5. one percent or higher. Alcohol can be used in cooking therefore dishes are allowed to be
6. advertised as long as the content is below one percent.
7. Section 3: The FCC will be in charge of monitoring television stations to make sure
8. there are no alcohol commercials being played between said hours.
9. Section 4: This bill will require no additional funding.
10. Section 5: This bill shall come into effect January 1, 2011 and all laws restricting this
11. bill are considered null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Central Kitsap High School



A Resolution Expressing the Need to Forge a Bilateral Partnership Between the United States and the People's Republic of China

1. WHEREAS, the United States and the People's Republic of China account for nearly
2. half of all global carbon dioxide emissions, and are the top energy producers and
3. exporters in the world; and
4. WHEREAS, China currently is the planet's largest producer of greenhouse gasses, a
5. trend that is expected to increase into the future; and
6. WHEREAS, cooperation between the United States and the People's Republic of
7. China will allow these two nations to quickly and effectively create solutions to solve
8. our shared environmental and economic challenges, which our nations would be able
9. to solve when our resources and technological capabilities are combined; and
10. WHEREAS, a bilateral partnership between the United States and the People's
11. Republic of China could serve as an economic stimulator, helping to rectify some of
12. our current economic issues, would serve as an expression of the United State's
13. commitment to promoting a clean environment, and would promote the role of the
14. United State's foreign policy in influencing the environmental challenges of the
15. planet; now, therefore, be it
16. RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled that: there is a need for the
17. United States and the People's Republic of China to forge an agreement that would
18. result in a clean energy partnership between the two countries.

Respectfully submitted by:

Central Valley High School

A Bill to Prioritize Foster Parents in Cases of Adoption

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT
2. **SECTION 1:** In cases of adoption where long-term Foster Parents have applied to be the
3. adoptive parents, they will be given priority in the adoption process.
4. **SECTION 2:** Long-term applies to any Foster Parents that have been legally responsible
5. for an adoptive child for over three months. Priority means that the foster parent is
6. given the first opportunity to apply for adoption, and in cases of equal qualifications, the
7. foster parent, who has already spent time with the child, will be given higher
8. consideration for the adoption. The standards by which the state agencies choose the
9. parents in case of adoption will not be lowered in any way in order to accommodate this
10. priority change. Only if the foster parents meet the adoption standards will their claim
11. to a priority be met.
12. **SECTION 3:** This change will be handled by each individual state's Child Protective
13. Services Agency, and will require no additional funding.
14. **SECTION 4:** This adoption policy change will be implemented at the beginning of the
15. next fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Coeur d'Alene High School

A Bill to Common Law Green Card

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** An illegal immigrant that has proof of residency, proof of employment, and proof that they
3 have been in the United States for seven or more years may request a green card without
4 fear of deportation.

5 **SECTION 2.** Proof of residency will be defined as documentation of an apartment, house, condo, hotel
6 or time-share. Proof of employment will be defined as an employer willingly admitting
7 without fear of prosecution that they have hired that particular illegal immigrant or the
8 testimony of at least two coworkers for any claim of employment. Either proof of
9 residency or proof of employment must meet the seven or more year requirement. Failure
10 to account for the seven year period will cause the illegal immigrant to face deportation.

11 **SECTION 3. A.** The Department of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will establish a new
12 sub department called 'Common Law Green Card Determination Services.' The
13 Department of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will provide funding for
14 'Common Law Green Card Determination Services' out of their current budget.

15 **B.** The Department of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will look over all
16 enforcement for this law including deportation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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20 Respectfully submitted by Eastside Catholic High School

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Bill Concerning Enlistment into the Military

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1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:
2. the minimum age for enlistment in the military will be raised to age 25.
3. **Section 1, Current Laws:** The law for age limits regarding enlistment in the United
4. States Military states that one must be at least 17 (with parental consent), or 18
5. (without parental consent.) The law for education requirements are a high school
6. diploma (Tier I) or a GED (Tier II.)
7. **Section 2, Age:** Young adults that enlist in the military may not be fully able to make
8. rational decisions such as joining the military, or making important decisions while on
9. duty due to the fact that the frontal lobe (main decision maker in the brain) does not
10. reach full maturity until usually age 25.
11. **Section 3, Testing:** Since a high school diploma or GED does not guarantee quick
12. skills and the ability to think through problems logically, cognitive reasoning tests will
13. become a part of the application for enlistment in the military. Meaning that a
14. standardized test (physical and written) that includes hypothetical questions, that use
15. logic and quick thinking to solve problems similar to those that would be encountered
16. in action, will be completed by every applicant. Failure to pass this cognitive test will
17. result in rejection to enlist.
18. **Section 4, Time:** This bill will take effect on January 1, 2012. Those that have been
19. enlisted prior to date of effect will not be required to fulfill these new requirements.
20. **Section 5, Funding:** The funding for the new standardized tests will come from the
21. Department of Defense budget.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eisenhower High School

A Bill to Repeal and Replace ESEA

1. In order to promote better teachers, better teaching practices, and fairness to teachers
2. as well as students,
3. Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:
4. Section 1. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act will be replaced with a three
5. part system: teacher observation, student improvement, and teaching using research
6. based “best practices”.
7. Section 2. Teachers will be observed once per three months of the school year with a
8. two month notice before their observation by a professional. New teachers will be
9. observed after their first six months of teaching. Teachers must be observed within 105
10. days of their last observation, but no sooner than 80 days, and at least 3 times a year.
11. At least one observer must be from out of district, and one from an independent source.
12. Section 3. Student improvement will be judged using a combination of standardized
13. test scores, student GPA, and the ratio of students that fail their class.
14. Section 4. Best practices will be determined by research acquired from various
15. universities, credible independent studies, and European Union studies.
16. Section 5. The National Education Association and teachers’ unions will be consulted
17. and a scoring system will be developed with three categories: unsatisfactory, up for
18. evaluation, and satisfactory.
19. Section 6. This will be funded by a \$75 billion dollar stimulus that will be taken out of
20. the military budget. Excess funds will be used to bring under funded schools up to
21. date on equipment and textbooks, and to perform research on new best practices. \$1 23. billion will be
22. allocated annually from the military budget to perform additional best practices research.

Respectfully submitted by

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A Resolution Amending the Constitution to Abolish the 14th Amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, 3.8 million illegal immigrants in this country have children who are
2. United States citizens; and

3 **WHEREAS**, 1 in 12 babies born in the United States were parented by illegal
4 immigrants; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the fourteenth amendment has outlived its purpose; now, therefore, 6. be it

7 **RESOLVED**, That upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Congress
8 here assembled, the following Constitutional Amendment be sent to the state

9. legislature for approval:

10 SECTION 1: Abolish the Fourteenth Amendment to the United State
11. Constitution.

12 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
13. appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted by

Emerald Ridge High School

A Bill to End Chimpanzee Experiments

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1 .** All experiments on chimpanzees and/or other primates be outlawed

3. in the United States.

4. **SECTION 2 .** Any invasive or otherwise experimental procedures on

5. chimpanzees will be hereby outlawed, and the primates be released into

6. permanent sanctuaries.

7. **SECTION 3.** Should a facility be found to be disobeying this law, all federal funding

8. will be frozen until the animals are released. In the event of a second

9. offense, the administration will be fined \$10,000 per specimen per month

10. until released along with the aforementioned consequences.

11. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect one month after its passing.

12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null

13. and void.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Federal Way High School*



Resolution to Mandate Drug Testing of Welfare Recipients

1. Whereas: The 1996 Welfare Reform Act authorized mandatory
2. drug testing of Welfare recipients, and
3. Whereas: Individuals employed by the federal government are
4. required to take mandatory drug tests, and
5. Whereas: Those employed by the government receive wages
6. for their work, and
7. Whereas: Those receiving government wages on a Welfare programs
8. should have nothing to hide, therefore
9. BE IT RESOLVED BY STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:
10. Any recipient of a Welfare, unemployment, or any other Federal
11. Government monetary aid must undergo mandatory drug screening
12. at a preexisting government facility monthly in order to continue
13. receiving their monetary aid.

Respectfully submitted by Ferris High School

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A Bill to Ban Smoking Tobacco Products Nationwide in Public Places

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The right of humans to smoke tobacco products (i.e. cigarettes) in a
3. public place are hereby banned by the U.S. government.

4 **SECTION 2. A)** Ban: to prohibit, forbid, or bar.

5 **B)** Public place: anywhere open to the public.

6 **SECTION 3.** All state, or county police officer, as well as health departments will
7 oversee that this law is enforced.

8 A. Anyone who breaks this law will be charged a \$200 fine for the first
9 infraction.

10 B. For the second offense people will be charged with a \$500 fine.

11 C. For the third offense people will be fined \$1000 and receive 1 month
12 in jail.

13 D. Every offense after the first three will result in an additional month
14 in prison.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect starting January, 1st, 2011.

16 **SECTION 5.** All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
17 and void.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gonzaga Prep

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A Resolution to make the passenger law for Washington the national law.

1. **WHEREAS**, in Pennsylvania there were 64 young passengers killed in 2007 compared to 21
2. in Washington, and
3. **WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania has no rules against passengers but Washington has one of the
4. strictest and
5. **WHEREAS**, the population of Pennsylvania is twice as much as Washington but yet there
6. are more than twice as many traffic deaths in Pennsylvania ; and
7. **WHEREAS**, Many teens said they abide by the restrictions conscientiously because they're afraid of
8. losing their license or getting in trouble with their parents; and
9. **WHEREAS**, every state that has restrictions similar in scope to Washington's has seen teen
10. accidents decrease dramatically, therefore be it
11. **RESOLVED**, By the Student Congress here assembled that the Washington passengers
12. law should be adopted nation- wide.

Respectfully submitted by Heritage High School

A Bill to create an Obligatory Penal Labor Workforce

1. Let it be enacted by the Assembled Student Congress that:
2. **Section 1:** Current Members of the Federal and State Penal Systems shall be obligated to
3. be part of a Labor Workforce.
4. **Section 2:** All Penal members, over the age of 18 and under the age of 65, should be made part of the Labor Workforce.
5. **Section 3:** Any members with physical or mental disabilities (determined by two separate, state appointed medical doctors.) that prevent them
6. from participating in Workforce activities, at the discretion of the medial doctors, shall be exempted from labor. A member's wish to not
7. participate will be honored, in and in that they will be removed to a minimum privilege ward.
8. **Section 4:** Minimum privilege ward will consist of the fulfillment of basic nutritional and sanitation requirements. But that will be the extent of
9. a non-participating member's privileges until they again choose to participate in Workforce activities. Workforce Activities will commence
10. Monday through Saturday for a minimum of 8 hours daily. Participants may choose to continue working, however, for
11. any extent of time.
12. **Section 5:** Exemptions from section 6 will be made for those with a referral from the
13. medical doctors stated in section 3.
14. **Section 7:** Labor workforce activities will consist of physical labor opportunities relating to the region of the specific Penitentiary. These may
15. include but are not limited to basic farming, maintenance, or production of goods. The type of labor is dependent on the type
16. of Participants in each penal system, at the discretion of the Warden and State Government. All Workforce activities will occur within the
17. ounds of the Penitentiary property.
18. **Section 8:** Workforce activities will be gradually phased into existences over the four years after passage this bill.
19. **Section 9:** Initial funding will be at a minimum due to the phasing effect created by the small amount of initial funding and will easily be
20. absorbed by penal system's annual budget. Continual funding will not be required due to the profits generated by
21. workforce activities.
22. **Section 10:** All profits generated by workforce activities will first be used to pay the salaries of the additional staff required due to the nature of
23. workforce activities, second to supply requirements inherent to workforce activities, and third back into the penal system for the overall
24. maintenance of the facilities.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kentlake High School

A Bill to Ensure the Safety of Genetically Modified Foods

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** All genetically modified foods be marked as such, and that
3. genetically modified foods be tested by the FDA (Food and Drug
4. Administration) before being distributed to the public, and that all
5. health risks involved in eating genetically modified foods be stated
6. plainly in an easy to access location.

6. **SECTION 2.** Genetically modified food refers to any food that has had specific
7. changes made to its DNA, and any product that is a byproduct of a
8. genetically altered organism (GMO)

9. **SECTION 3.** The FDA will oversee the enforcement of this bill. Companies
10. must comply with these rules or be forced to recall the items in
11. question as they may threaten the safety of every American. The
12. second and third offenses will constitute \$50,000 dollar fine.
13. Further offenses will result in the immediate termination of the
14. product line.

15. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective 90 days after passage

16. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
17. and void.

Introduced by Kingston High School, Western Washington District



A Resolution to Ban Offshore Drilling

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Offshore drilling in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United
2 States poses a significant hazard to the environment and natural shorelines of
3 the United States; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, Only 3-15% of oil spills can be removed from the water, posing
5 a significant threat to the aquatic and land environments of the world from
6 offshore oil spills; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, 97% of oil spills are never reported because they are considered
8 too small, despite the fact that any amount of oil in the environment can cause
9 harm to sea and land life; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, For every one oil drill in the ocean there is the possibility of
11 8000 square feet of ocean being covered in oil if the drill leaks or breaks; now,
12 therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled ban the practice of
14 offshore oil drilling in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States.

Introduced by Lake City High School

A Resolution for Electronic Dissections Q

1 **WHEREAS**, Real dissections of animals negatively impact the environment by
2 unnaturally unbalancing the food chain by the removal of animals from their natural
3 environments; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dissection specimens annually cost the education system a large
5 amount of money that could be nullified if replaced by reusable electronic dissection
6 programs; and

7 **WHEREAS**, American destruction of natural habitats of animals and displacement
8 of animals has caused a significant negative impact to the natural environment of the
9 United States; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Electronic dissection programs would free up annual budgets and
11 decrease the impact of the average American citizen on the environment and the
12 natural food chain; now, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that all American public education
14 facilities below the tertiary level replace real animal dissections with electronic
15 dissection programs.

Introduced by Lake City High School

A Resolution to Switch the Standard U.S. System of Measurement to the Metric System

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States military customary unit is only used in our country and
2 creates bothersome issues with foreigners, and

3 **WHEREAS**, It would make our nation more competitive in the math and science fields
4 as it would be easier to take measurements, and

5 **WHEREAS**, The United States is the only industrialized country to not mainly use the
6 metric system, necessitating the use for time wasting conversions,
7 which have no use in our current conflicts; therefore be it

8 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that, The United States switch its
9 standard unit of measure to the metric system.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Mount Spokane High School*

A Bill to Reform Federal Immigration Law

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The provisions of the Arizona Senate Bill 1070 shall be properly incorporated as an amendment to
3 US Code, Title 8, Chapter 12, Subchapter II, Part IV – “Inspection, Apprehension, Examination,
4 Exclusion, and Removal”, making them effective nationwide.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the sake of this bill, ambiguous terms shall be defined as follows:

- 6 - Nationwide: All 50 officially established states, not including US territories.
- 7 - Properly incorporated: The relevant provisions not found in existing US Code will be added.
- 8 Any conflicts will be adjusted to accommodate the intent of Arizona SB 1070.

9 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security
10 (DHS), Division of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

11 A. All local law enforcement shall be required to contact ICE upon identification of an individual
12 as an illegal non-resident alien.

13 B. Local law enforcement must transfer detainees held under the terms of this law to ICE custody
14 within 24 hours of formal charges being filed.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall become effective 180 days from the date of passage.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

17
18 Respectfully submitted

19
20 Newport High School

A Resolution in Support of the Original Concept of Statehood

1. Whereas, our forefathers, in crafting the republican ideal of a united confederacy of states, realized that
2. local norms, visions, goals, and preferences are often more important
3. than a bland federal vision that applied to all states, and
4. Whereas, they allowed this localized autonomy through the 10th amendment, and
5. Whereas, current states such as Washington have often become divided either
6. geographically or culturally, and
7. Whereas, the divisions appears to be growing more, and not less marked and divisive, and
8. Whereas, in the state of Washington the more populous counties of the northern I-5 are
9. considerably more liberal politically and socially, and
10. Whereas their counterparts east of the Cascades often feel isolated, dominated by the
11. culturally different west, and marginalized in their more conservative views by the sheer
12. numbers in the I-5 corridor, and
13. Whereas eastern Washington actually has far more in common with eastern Oregon and
14. California, and
15. Whereas Seattle and Tacoma actually have far more in common with San Francisco than
16. Spokane, and
17. Whereas many states have seen, over the years, a similar rise in cultural division, and
18. Whereas the current number of 50 states is just an arbitrary and not predestined number
19. to which we should be wed, considering that we have often had prime numbers of states,
20. odd numbers, even numbers, and have lost numbers, therefore,
21. Be It Resolved, by the Congress here Assembled, that the United States provide a two
22. year period of time to address citizen concerns and proposals to allow the division of
23. current states, the merging of citizens of several states into one body, and the creation of
24. new states, to be recognized by a re-division of congress, regardless of what the final
25. number of states shall be, since 50 is not a sacred number.

Respectfully Submitted by Snohomish High School

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A RESOLUTION TO TEACH INTELLIGENT DESIGN ALONG WITH EVOLUTION IN
THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

1. Whereas the theory of evolution is currently being taught in public schools and,
2. Whereas the theory of intelligent design does not have to do with Christianity or any
3. other religion and,
4. Whereas children should choose their own view point instead of the public schools
5. giving them only one path to choose and,
6. Whereas children looking at another view point strengthen their minds in doing so and,
7. Whereas the idea of teaching children only one side of an argument is depriving them
8. of their right to think for themselves.
9. Therefore be it resolved by the student body here assembled that
10. creationism be taught along side evolution in the public school system.

Respectfully submitted

The Enrichment Cooperative [TEC]

A Resolution to Balance the National Budget

1. Whereas, The United States owes more than 13 trillion dollars in debt, amounting to over
2. 40 thousand dollars a person, or over 120 thousand dollars per taxpayer, and
3. Whereas, President Obama has pledged to address this issue, however the deficit has increased
4. to 1.3 trillion dollars. As spending continues to increase, the national debt continues to rise, and
5. Whereas, if immediate action is not taken, future generations could experience economic or
6. foreign relation problems as a direct result of current, out of control spending, and
7. Whereas, if countries like China call in our debt, our country could face economic ruin or
8. militaristic limitation in a time of international conflict, and
9. Whereas, the federal government currently spends 3 trillion dollars, while bringing in only 2
10. trillion dollars in revenue, and
11. Whereas, The federal government is also in the process of paying back the more
12. than 1 trillion dollars owed in interest alone.
13. Therefore be it resolved by the student congress here assembled:
14. Article 1, section 8, clause 2 of the United States Constitution be amended to prevent the ability
15. of the federal government to borrow money from other countries, except when a declaration of
16. war is in effect.

Respectfully Submitted by Union High School.

A Bill to Limit use of EBT cards to 20% junk food.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** EBT cards, which have replaced food stamps, are
3 issued to citizens who have documented needs due to limited
4 income. States regulate the disbursal of cards, but the source of
5 the money is federal funding. Individuals use EBT cards for food
6 items, and limits already exist concerning what can be purchased.

7 **SECTION 2.** Junk food purchases would be limited to a monthly
8 total of twenty (20%) of the total of the card. Junk food is
9 defined as any food item with a concentrated fat content of
10 greater than 15% or a sugar content of greater than 30%.
11 Foodstuffs that would be acceptable would be all meats, dairy
12 products and fresh fruits and vegetables.

13 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall prescribe regulations as needed to
14 carry out this title. Lists of limited food items would be prominently
15 posted at every store.

16 **SECTION 4.** This act shall become effective as of the date
17 signed by the President.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
19 declared null and void.

Super Congress

The following legislation is designated Super Congress legislation. It may be used ONLY in Super Congress sessions or at tournaments where there will be no Super Congress Session.

AA

A Resolution to Support the Implementation of a Unilateral PAYGO System

1. WHEREAS, the United States Federal debt currently stands at approximately thirteen
2. trillion dollars, and there are insufficient measures in the United States Congress to
3. curb the growth of our national debt; and
4. WHEREAS, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, the current PAYGO
5. congressional rule, allows for many costly exceptions to the PAYGO rule, including
6. federal transportation projects, social programs and scientific endeavors; and
7. WHEREAS, for a PAYGO program to have any real effect, it must be unilaterally
8. applied to all federal spending; now, therefore, be it
9. RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled, that the United States ought to
10. enact a Unilateral PAYGO system that will require the United States Congress to
11. connect every increase in federal expenditures with a corresponding tax increase or
12. reduction in funding to another source; and, be it
13. FURTHER RESOLVED, that any tax reduction by the United States Congress ought
14. to be followed by a corresponding reduction in federal expenditures.

Respectfully Submitted

WSFA

A resolution to ban the patenting of naturally-occurring genes

1. Whereas naturally-occurring genes may only be patented as an isolated sequence, and
2. Whereas owning a patent on a human, plant or animal gene gives the holder complete
3. control over commercial exploitation, and
4. Whereas whoever holds the patent to a gene sequence may prevent any unapproved tests
5. And/or manipulation of the patented gene, and
6. Whereas the owner of the genetic patent may charge any fee they desire for the approval
7. of testing and/or manipulation of the patented gene, and
8. Whereas the usual genetic patent normally lasts twenty years, holding back further
9. research and development based on the gene
10. Therefore: **be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that:**
11. the patenting of naturally-occurring genes should be banned, and no organization may
12. be exempt.

Respectfully submitted by:

WSFA

A Resolution to Sign and Ratify the Convention on Cluster Munitions

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States military still uses cluster munitions in warfare; and
2 **WHEREAS**, None of the primary users of cluster weapons have signed the CCM; and
3 **WHEREAS**, The UN considers cluster munitions to be in violation of the 4th Geneva
4 Convention; and
5 **WHEREAS**, Cluster weapons are incredibly inaccurate
6 **WHEREAS**, The only purpose of cluster weapons is to cause widespread destruction
7 which have no use in our current conflicts; and
8 **WHEREAS**, A UN study found that approximately 40% of cluster bomblets fail to
9 detonate on impact; and
10 **WHEREAS**, In addition to the high rate of civilian deaths caused by CM's the
11 unexploded bomblets pose a dangerous hazard to anyone on the ground;
12 and
13 **WHEREAS**, The signing of the CCM would set a precedent that allies which use
14 these weapons would most likely follow; now, therefore, be it
15 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that, The United States sign and ratify
16 the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Respectfully Submitted by
WSFA

A Resolution to De-fund Private Security Contracts for Military Missions

1. **WHEREAS,** the United States military regularly conducts combat and supply operations in
2. numerous foreign theaters; and
3. **WHEREAS,** recently the Pentagon has begun the practice of contracting with private corporations
4. for the sole purpose of providing security for US military installations and foreign
5. operations; and
6. **WHEREAS,** these “private security contractors” (PSC’s) operate outside the military command
7. structure with no direct oversight or regulation; and
8. **WHEREAS,** there have been numerous cases of PSC personnel engaging in conduct that is either
9. detrimental to the integrity of the military mission, or is outright criminal behavior; and
10. **WHEREAS,** in the past three years, several of these contracted PSC organizations have engaged in
11. corrupt business practices, human trafficking, drug provision and sale, and bribery in
12. order to obtain these lucrative contracts; now, therefore, be it
13. **RESOLVED** by this Congress assembled that any current appropriations to the US Department of
14. Defense designated for the contracting of PSC’s be rescinded; and, be it
15. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congressional appropriations procedures be amended to prohibit the
16. contracting of private firms to perform security activities related to military missions
17. and/or deployments.

Respectfully submitted by

WSFA

A Resolution for Proportional Representation

1. Whereas; political participation in the United States is in jeopardy because of our
2. harsh “first past the post” district elections, and
3. Whereas the promotion of a bipartisan system leads to political gridlock, as well as
4. decreases the efficiency of local and national government, and
5. Whereas; increasing the participation of independent parties, which would make more
6. of a majority in the government if the “first past the post” systems were eliminated,
7. would mean greater participation for the average U.S. citizen, and
8. Whereas; disenfranchised people in the United States who currently realize that votes
9. don’t matter will become more incorporated into our government and voter turnout
10. would soar.
11. Therefore, be it the will of the student congress thus assembled in glorious service to
12. our nation to redistrict the nation to the proportional representation of districts as
13. practiced in Great Britain and various other nations around the world.

Respectfully submitted,
WSFA

A Resolution to Remove the Brazilian Ethanol Tariff

1 Whereas, the cost of American E85 ethanol will cause the average driver \$1,600 more

2 than using conventional diesel gasoline because of the small amount of corn

3 ethanol produced in the U.S. and;

4 Whereas, Brazil has been striving toward energy independence, since the 1973 oil

5 embargo, and is now the largest supplier of cellulosic ethanol in the world and;

6 Whereas, the \$0.54 tax on imported Brazilian ethanol has let the U.S. corn ethanol

7 industry monopolize the market despite it's inferior efficiency to sugarcane

8 and;

9 Whereas, the use of ethanol lowered the U.S. trade deficit by \$5.1 billion by eliminating

10 the need to import 143 million barrels of oil and;

11 Whereas, the use of Brazilian sugarcane can lead to a higher commodity price for sugar

12 producers in Brazil, with the potential to lift thousands out of poverty and;

13 Whereas, the recent use of the corn in ethanol has risen corn prices more than 80

14 percent since last summer, from \$2.17 to nearly \$4 a bushel, leaving many Latin

15 American countries unable to afford basic food staples;

16 Resolved, by the student congress assembled here today that we remove the \$0.54 tax

17 on imported sugarcane from Brazil so American drivers, the American economy,

18 the Brazilian economy, and Latin American countries may benefit from the uses

19 of cellulosic ethanol.

Respectfully submitted by:

WSFA